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BLANK ET AL.

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Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

Applicants wish the examiner to note that reference "BM" was cited on the U.K. Search Report reference "BT".

Copies of these references are enclosed herewith.

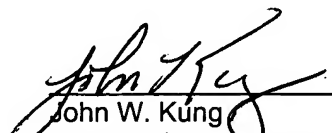
Applicants believe this paper is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and so under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) no fees are required.

If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

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	AE	4,826,500	5/2/89	Rautsola			
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	AG	4,895,275	1/23/90	Quinn et al.			
	AH	4,921,138	5/1/90	Quinn et al.			
	AI	4,997,429	3/5/91	Dickerhoff et al.			
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	AQ	GB 2 105 695	7/29/82	United Kingdom			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent pages, Etc.)

	AR	Vaughan et al., "Bacterial Safety of a Closed Administration System for Enteral Nutrition Solutions", Journal of American Dietetic Association, Vol. 88, pp. 35, (1988).
	AS	"Enteralife Closed System", Corpak, Inc., Wheeling, IL (1989)
	AT	"Entera-Flo Spike, Fresenius Pharma USA, Inc, New Brunswick, NJ

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	BR	Compat-Universal set, Sandoz Nutrition
	BS	Tubulures pour pompas à nutrition, Fresenius Vial (a company of Fresenius HemoCare).
	BT	United Kingdom Search Report

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